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## SENATE BILL

No. 792

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**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier**  
**(Coauthors: ~~Senators Hancock, Hill, and Leno~~)**

February 22, 2013

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An act to *amend Section 101 of, and to add Sections 66537.1, 66537.2, 66537.3, 66537.4, 66537.6, and 66537.7 to the Government Code, relating to planning, transportation.*

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 792, as amended, DeSaulnier. ~~Regional entities: San Francisco Bay Area.~~ *State highway system: naming or designation of state highway segments or structures.*

*Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to expend reasonable sums for the placement of name plaques at the boundaries of certain districts or on state highway bridges if the Legislature, by*

*concurrent resolution, so requests. Existing law designates names for certain state highway segments.*

*This bill would delete the above-referenced provisions relating to placement of name plaques by the department pursuant to a concurrent resolution of the Legislature. This bill would enact new provisions requiring the department to erect appropriate signs, plaques, or markers naming or designating a specified state highway segment or structure in honor of a person or entity if a member of the Legislature, as specified, requests the naming or designation in writing, the department receives sufficient funds from nonstate sources to cover the costs of reviewing the request and erecting the appropriate signs, plaques, or markers, as determined by the department, and other conditions are satisfied.*

~~Existing law creates the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Area Toll Authority, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, with various powers and duties relative to all or a portion of the 9-county San Francisco Bay Area region with respect to transportation, air quality, and environmental planning, as specified. Another regional entity, the Association of Bay Area Governments, is created under existing law as a joint powers agency comprised of cities and counties with regional planning responsibilities. Existing law provides for a joint policy committee of certain member agencies in this 9-county area to collaborate on regional coordination. Existing law requires regional transportation planning agencies, as part of the regional transportation plan adopted in urban areas, to develop a sustainable communities strategy, coordinating transportation, land use, and air quality planning, with specified objectives.~~

~~This bill would require the member agencies of the joint policy committee to complete an analysis of common functions and identify opportunities to save costs, reduce redundancies, and further the goals of the member agencies. The bill would require the analysis to also include a statement relative to the expected reduction of overhead, operation, and management costs. The bill would also require the joint policy committee to maintain an Internet Web site containing information relevant to the committee's activities and to appoint an advisory committee on economic competitiveness with specified members from the business community and other organizations to adopt goals and policies related to economic development, including social equity issues.~~

~~The bill would require the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to convene a public engagement advisory group to provide recommendations in the development of a draft public participation plan with respect to the regional transportation plan update, as specified.~~

~~By imposing new duties on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and other regional entities, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~*no*.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     ~~SECTION 1. Section 101 of the Streets and Highways Code is~~  
2     ~~amended to read:~~

3     ~~101. (a) The department shall keep in repair all objects or~~  
4     ~~markers adjacent to a state highway which that have been erected~~  
5     ~~to mark registered historical places and shall keep such those~~  
6     ~~markers free from vegetation which that may obscure them from~~  
7     ~~view.~~

8     ~~(b) When the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, has~~  
9     ~~designated names for certain districts and state highway bridges,~~  
10    ~~and requested the placing of name plaques at the boundaries of~~  
11    ~~the districts or on the bridges, the department is authorized to~~  
12    ~~expend reasonable sums for such plaques.~~

13    ~~(c) Any major bridge not previously named by the Legislature~~  
14    ~~may be named by the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, for a~~  
15    ~~serviceman killed in action who was a resident of the county in~~  
16    ~~which the bridge is located. The name shall be selected from names~~  
17    ~~submitted to the department by veterans' associations as defined~~  
18    ~~by Section 1260 of the Military and Veterans Code.~~

19    ~~SEC. 2. Section 101.13 is added to the Streets and Highways~~  
20    ~~Code, to read:~~

1     101.13. (a) Consistent with the signing requirements for the  
2     state highway system, the department shall erect appropriate signs,  
3     plaques, or markers naming or designating specified segments of  
4     the state highway system or highway structures in honor of a  
5     person or entity if all of the following conditions are met:

6     (1) The naming or designation is requested in writing by a  
7     member of the Legislature who represents the legislative district  
8     in which the highway segment or structure is located.

9     (2) (A) The request identifies the specific highway segment or  
10    structure to be named or designated.

11    (B) If a highway segment is to be named or designated for one  
12    or more individuals, it shall not exceed five miles in length.

13    (3) The individual or individuals for whom a highway segment  
14    or structure is to be named or designated shall be deceased.

15    (4) The request indicates, in the case of an individual or entity  
16    being honored, that the individual or entity has provided  
17    extraordinary public service or some exemplary contribution to  
18    the public good, and has a connection to the community in which  
19    the highway segment or structure is located.

20    (5) The proposed naming or designation does not supersede  
21    any existing naming or designation, unless the request is able to  
22    document that there is no opposition to rescinding the existing  
23    naming or designation from the party or parties that requested  
24    the original naming or designation.

25    (6) The department has received sufficient funds from nonstate  
26    sources to cover the costs, as determined by the department, of  
27    reviewing the request and erecting the appropriate signs, plaques,  
28    or markers.

29    (7) The naming or designation meets any other conditions  
30    established by the department.

31    (b) Any sign, plaque, or marker installed by the department  
32    shall remain until it has been destroyed or the department  
33    determines that it has deteriorated to the point that it is no longer  
34    serviceable or until the designation of the affected highway segment  
35    or structure is overridden by a subsequent naming or designation,  
36    whichever occurs first. A sign, plaque, or marker that is destroyed  
37    or becomes unserviceable may be replaced by the department upon  
38    the receipt by the department of sufficient funds from nonstate  
39    sources.

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 66537.1 is added to the Government Code,~~  
2 ~~to read:~~

3 ~~66537.1. The member agencies of the joint policy committee~~  
4 ~~created pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 66536 shall complete~~  
5 ~~an analysis of common functions and identify opportunities to save~~  
6 ~~costs, reduce redundancies, and further the goals of the member~~  
7 ~~agencies. The analysis shall also include a statement as to the~~  
8 ~~expected reduction in the cost of overhead and in the cost of~~  
9 ~~operation and management of the member agencies.~~

10 ~~SEC. 2. Section 66537.2 is added to the Government Code, to~~  
11 ~~read:~~

12 ~~66537.2. (a) Prior to initiating public outreach and participation~~  
13 ~~efforts for a regional transportation plan update, including the~~  
14 ~~sustainable communities strategy pursuant to subparagraphs (B)~~  
15 ~~and (C) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080, the~~  
16 ~~Metropolitan Transportation Commission, in consultation with the~~  
17 ~~Association of Bay Area Governments, the Bay Area Air Quality~~  
18 ~~Management District, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation~~  
19 ~~and Development Commission, shall issue, for public comment,~~  
20 ~~a draft public participation plan to meet the public participation~~  
21 ~~requirements under federal law and Section 65080.~~

22 ~~(b) (1) At least 30 days before issuing the draft under~~  
23 ~~subdivision (a), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission shall~~  
24 ~~convene a public engagement advisory group to meet as needed~~  
25 ~~before the draft is issued for public comment and until the adoption~~  
26 ~~of the public participation plan. The public engagement advisory~~  
27 ~~group shall include, but shall not be limited to, persons representing~~  
28 ~~local planning agencies, congestion management authorities or~~  
29 ~~other local government agencies, low-income communities,~~  
30 ~~communities of color, seniors, persons with disabilities, business,~~  
31 ~~and environmental organizations. Meetings of the public~~  
32 ~~engagement advisory group shall be subject to the Ralph M. Brown~~  
33 ~~Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of~~  
34 ~~Division 2 of Title 5).~~

35 ~~(2) The public engagement advisory group shall be charged~~  
36 ~~with all of the following tasks:~~

37 ~~(A) Reviewing the public participation process in connection~~  
38 ~~with the development and adoption of the previous regional~~  
39 ~~transportation plan and sustainable communities strategy and~~  
40 ~~assessing both of the following:~~

1     ~~(i) Strengths and weaknesses.~~

2     ~~(ii) The degree to which the public participation plans were~~  
3 ~~implemented, and the degree to which specific implementation~~  
4 ~~actions contributed to a robust, inclusive, and transparent process.~~

5     ~~(B) Identifying key decision points in the process by which the~~  
6 ~~previous regional transportation plan and sustainable communities~~  
7 ~~strategy were developed and adopted.~~

8     ~~(C) Providing recommendations to the Metropolitan~~  
9 ~~Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area~~  
10 ~~Governments in developing a draft public participation plan that~~  
11 ~~seeks to do all of the following:~~

12     ~~(i) Provide a clear process map, timeline, and description of all~~  
13 ~~key decision points.~~

14     ~~(ii) Set forth outreach activities designed to meaningfully inform~~  
15 ~~and engage San Francisco Bay area residents, including activities~~  
16 ~~targeting populations traditionally underrepresented in regional~~  
17 ~~planning, such as minority and low-income populations.~~

18     ~~(iii) Set forth the role of advisory committees in the development~~  
19 ~~and approval of the regional transportation plan update and~~  
20 ~~sustainable communities strategy.~~

21     ~~(iv) Set forth the role of other agencies and local jurisdictions~~  
22 ~~in the planning process, and prescribe requirements for inclusive~~  
23 ~~public engagement and transparency.~~

24     ~~(v) Address any other priority concerns raised by the public~~  
25 ~~engagement advisory group.~~

26     ~~SEC. 3. Section 66537.3 is added to the Government Code, to~~  
27 ~~read:~~

28     ~~66537.3. The joint policy committee shall maintain an Internet~~  
29 ~~Web site containing relevant information pertaining to the joint~~  
30 ~~policy committee's activities.~~

31     ~~SEC. 4. Section 66537.4 is added to the Government Code, to~~  
32 ~~read:~~

33     ~~66537.4. The joint policy committee shall be subject to the~~  
34 ~~Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950)~~  
35 ~~of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5).~~

36     ~~SEC. 5. Section 66537.6 is added to the Government Code, to~~  
37 ~~read:~~

38     ~~66537.6. (a) The joint policy committee shall appoint an~~  
39 ~~advisory committee on economic competitiveness with members~~  
40 ~~from the business community, including representatives of small~~

1 ~~businesses and the technology and manufacturing sectors,~~  
2 ~~community colleges, public and private universities, labor, local~~  
3 ~~governments, community organizations with an interest in~~  
4 ~~expanding economic opportunity for low-income populations and~~  
5 ~~communities, and other organizations involved with the private~~  
6 ~~economy.~~

7 ~~(b) The joint policy committee, in consultation with the advisory~~  
8 ~~committee, shall adopt goals and policies related to economic~~  
9 ~~development. The goals and policies shall also promote amenities~~  
10 ~~that are special to the region and contribute to the region's quality~~  
11 ~~of life. Social equity goals and considerations shall be integrated~~  
12 ~~throughout to ensure that low-income populations and populations~~  
13 ~~of color share fairly in the benefits and burdens of the economic~~  
14 ~~development goals and policies and their implementation and~~  
15 ~~include strategies to improve the economic conditions and~~  
16 ~~opportunities for all residents with special attention given to~~  
17 ~~opportunities available for low-income residents and populations~~  
18 ~~of color.~~

19 ~~(c) Meetings of the advisory committee on economic~~  
20 ~~competitiveness shall be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act~~  
21 ~~(Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division~~  
22 ~~2 of Title 5).~~

23 ~~SEC. 6.— If the Commission on State Mandates determines~~  
24 ~~that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement~~  
25 ~~to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made~~  
26 ~~pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division~~  
27 ~~4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.~~